

Kick off the New Year 2023 with Spokane Valley UMC's
Upcoming Worship Services

December 25th Christmas Day – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Come back tomorrow morning at 9am to worship God and recount God's work of salvation beginning with the story of creation all the way to the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord through scripture and song!

January 1st New Year's Day - Wesley Covenant Renewal Service (Jeremiah 31:31-34, 1 Peter 1, & John 15:1-8)

As we wrap up our *Almost Christmas* Advent series and begin a new year of faithful discipleship of our newborn Savior, we will renew our covenant to follow Christ in an intimate service of liturgy and commitment.

“The Mission of Spokane Valley UMC Series”

Renewing our commitment to our Church Mission statement –

*We are here to invite people to follow Jesus, love God,
and transform the greater community through the grace of God.*

January 8th Epiphany Sunday – “Inviting people to follow Jesus” (Matthew 2:1-12)

As we reflect on how the Three Wise Men were called to follow a star to find their way to Jesus, we will consider our calling to invite people to follow Jesus to find the way of discipleship!

**January 15th Baptism of the Lord Sunday – “Inviting people to love God”
(Matthew 3:13-17)**

At his baptism, Jesus was named “beloved” of God and received the gift of the Holy Spirit which sent him forth to proclaim the Good News of God's love for all. As we remember our baptism and our belovedness, we will refresh our commitment to receive and share God's love with others!

**January 22nd Mission & Outreach Sunday – “Inviting people to transform the greater
community through the grace of God” (Matthew 4:12-23)**

As soon as Jesus began his ministry, he invited others to join him, calling the original 12 disciples and commissioning them to the work of transforming the world into the kingdom of God. That mission remains vital today!

OUR PURPOSE: *Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to: follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.*

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8PM Christmas Eve 2022
Spokane Valley United Methodist Church

Gathering Music Betsy Pletscher, Organist

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle Brian & Georgiann Cheney
(responsive reading and prayer, on screens)

***Opening Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful" – UMH #234**

First Lesson - Psalm 96 Gil Gilreath

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare the Lord's glory among the nations, the Lord's marvelous works
among all the peoples!

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before the Lord
in whose sanctuary are strength and beauty.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name!

Bring an offering, and come into the courts of the Lord!

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;

tremble before the Lord, all the earth!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved.

The Lord will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar,
and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord;
who comes to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

Choir Anthem "Glory to God in the Highest" – John W. Peterson

Second Lesson – Isaiah 9:2-7 Ann Holmquist

***Carol** "What Child Is This?" – UMH #219 (vs. 1 & 2)

Third Lesson – Luke 2:1-8 (NRSV) Kiyah Young-Wilson

***Carol** "What Child Is This?" – UMH #219 (vs. 3)

Fourth Lesson – Luke 2:9-14 (NRSV) Ethan Amestoy

***Carol** "Angels We Have Heard on High" – UMH 238

Fifth Lesson – Luke 2:15-20 (NRSV) Jeremiah Fasaala

... glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been told them.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God

Carol "Away in a Manger" – UMH #217

Message "An Altogether Christmas" Pastor Alissa

***Carol** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" – UMH #230

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Alissa

Offertory

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Alissa

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Alissa

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Carol & Candlelight** "Silent Night" – UMH #239

***Sending Forth** Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music